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BAT CAVE TO FRONT.
State Will Construct Highway Through Hickory Nut Gap And Same Is to Be Maintained By Counties of Buncombe Henderson and Rutherford.

For the purpose of arousing interest in the project and making preparations for the beginning of the work on the unimproved link of the Asheville-Charlotte highway, a meeting will be held at Bat Cave March 31, which will be attended by good roads enthusiasts from various points in western North Carolina. It is expected that Governor Locke Craig will be in attendance and will make an address, and Dr. Joseph Hyde Pratt, the state geologist, will be present. A large delegation from the Good Roads association of Asheville and Buncombe county will attend, going from this city in automobiles.

Dr. H. M. Fletcher received a letter yesterday from Dr. Pratt asking that he make plans for the coming meeting and informing him that the prospects are that the road will be ready for travel the latter part of the coming summer. State convicts will be put on the road from the Rutherford county line to the Buncombe county line, through Henderson county, and it will be designated as the state highway. The road in Henderson county extends up the Broad river and the Hickory creek to Hickory Nut Gap.

The news that the road will be constructed will be learned with a great deal of interest in this city. For some time past, there has been a movement on foot looking to the completion of the line between this city when the road is in good shape for travel, western North Carolina will be greatly benefited. While the state will furnish the convicts, the people along the line of the road must help with the construction and will be expected to furnish teams. It is hoped that the coming meeting at Bat Cave will be largely attended and that assurance will be received that the people whose lands will be benefited will agree to do their part of the work.

The authority for the construction of the road by the state is contained in the following act, which was passed at the recent session of the general assembly.

"That the counsel of state is herewith instructed and directed to furnish as many convicts as practicable and not less than thirty, who shall be used in the construction of said road (that part of the Hickory Nut Gap road extending from the Rutherford county line to the Buncombe county line) according to said plans and specifications and under the supervision of a highway engineer of the North Carolina Geological and Economic survey, which convicts shall be detailed for this work on or before July 1, 1913, that the cost of keeping, guarding, clothing and all other expenses of the convicts detailed for such work herein provided for, shall be paid by the penitentiary authorities."

Before going to the meeting at Bat

Cave, it is expected that Governor Craig will spend several days in Asheville. He will be taken from here to the place of the meeting by Dr. Fletcher and others who will go in this party are Dr. Pratt, State Senator Zebulon Weaver and Representative Gallatin Roberts and Robert R. Williams, Senator Carson, of Rutherford county, will also attend and the members of the general assembly will be called for brief addresses.

The meeting promises to be a gala event and is being looked forward to with a great deal of interest by the good roads enthusiasts of this section of the state. It was stated by a member of the local good roads association yesterday that western North Carolina's prospects for improved highways were never better than at this time. Governor Craig has designated the road from Ridgecrest to Old Fort as that upon which a federal appropriation for good roads is to be spent and Old Fort township will issue bonds to the amount of \$20,000 for the completion of the link of the central highway through that section. This road will be finished within the next few months and as a result of the fact that "all good roads lead to Asheville," it is believed that hundreds of automobilists will take advantage of the opportunities which will be offered to motor to the metropolis of the Land of the Sky.—Citizen.

Resolution.
Whereas, our dear Brother Dr. J. G. Waldrop, has assumed the duties as a member of our Board of Stewards and has discharged his duties with great ability, faithfulness, patience and gentleness seldom having missed a meeting during the 25 years of his office membership—during which time the most friendly and brotherly relations have existed between himself and each member of the Board.

And Whereas our hearts are sad at the thought of losing the wise counsel and Godly example of our departed brother. Therefore, be it resolved that we, the official members of the Hendersonville Methodist Church, bow with reverence and submission to the will of Him who doeth all things well, feeling assured that "To him to live was Christ and to die was gain."

Resolved further that we extend to the grief stricken family our heart felt sympathy in this hour of sorrow and bereavement, and would point them to Him whom our brother loved and faithfully followed unto the end.

Also that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the North Carolina Christian Advocate and the papers of Hendersonville for publication; a copy be spread upon our minutes and a copy be sent to the afflicted family.

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